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COUNTRY : GREECE
DOI : 17 TO 18 JANUARY 1968
SUBJECT : MILITARY MOVEMENTS INDICATING POSSIBLE ALERT

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SOURCE :

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1. DURING THE NIGHT OF 17 JANUARY 1968 AND THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 18 JANUARY, VARIOUS MOVEMENTS OF ARMORED CARS AND TANKS TOOK PLACE IN ATHENS (AMBELOKIPOLI) AREA AND ITS SUBURBS, AND ISOLATED TANKS WERE MOVING ON THE ATHENS-ELEFSIS ROAD. ALSO AT APPROXIMATELY 0100 HOURS ON 18 JANUARY, THE THESSALONIKI RADIO STATION AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE WERE PUT UNDER

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MILITARY GUARD (COMMANDOS).

2. [REDACTED] ON 18 JANUARY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR STYLIANOS PATTAKOS GAVE A STATEMENT TO SELECT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT "GREECE IS STRONG, IS NOT WORRIED BECAUSE OF THE RUMORS CIRCULATING CONCERNING THE COUNTRY, AND THAT, IF NECESSARY, GREECE IS ABLE TO MEET IN BATTLE HER ENEMIES AND SOME [REDACTED] WHO WANT GREECE TO BECOME ANOTHER VIETNAM."

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3. [REDACTED] THE ABOVE ACTIVITY WAS INITIALLY INTERPRETED AS BEING A RESULT OF A CLASH BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER GEORGIOS PAPADOPOULOS AND COLONEL IOANNIS LADAS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ORDER. HOWEVER, IT WAS LATER BELIEVED TO INDICATE NERVOUSNESS ON THE PART OF THE REGIME OVER SOME OTHER, UNKNOWN, THREAT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

A NUMBER OF REASONS HAVE BEEN CITED FOR THE REGIME'S NERVOUSNESS, INCLUDING A POSSIBLE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY KING KONSTANTINOS OR FORMER CENTER UNION (ED) DEPUTY ANDREAS PAPANDREOU. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] THE TROOP MOVEMENTS INDICATE THAT THE REGIME IS WORRIED OVER INTERNAL MATTERS RATHER THAN INTERNATIONAL ONES.)

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4. [REDACTED] DISSEM STATE ARMY NAVY AIR EUCOM CINCSOUTH (PERSON) CINCSNAVEUR CINCEAFSA USAREUR USAFE [REDACTED]

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